



UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/846,390	05/02/2001	Yasuaki Yuda	P20968	4042
7055	7590	09/28/2004		EXAMINER
GREENBLUM & BERNSTEIN, P.L.C. 1950 ROLAND CLARKE PLACE RESTON, VA 20191			PERILLA, JASON M	
			ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
			2634	

DATE MAILED: 09/28/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	09/846,390	YUDA ET AL.
Examiner	Art Unit	
Jason M Perilla	2634	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 May 2001.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 9 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 1-8 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on 02 May 2001 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/1/01.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-9 are pending in the instant application.
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-
-

Priority

2. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

3. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on August 1, 2001 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.

Specification

4. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet **within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited.** The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Objections

5. Claims 1-8 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Regarding claim 1, it is suggested by the Examiner that, in line 3, “receives a signal from” should be changed to –receives a signal as a reception signal from— to provide strong antecedent basis for the reception signal.

Regarding claim 2, the claim is objected to because it is unclear if the first modulated signal of claim 1 is the spread spectrum modulated signal of claim 2 or if the two signals are exclusive.

Regarding claim 5, in line 4, “said eigenvalues” should be replaced by --said eigenvalues--.

Regarding claim 7, the claim limitations describing the installation of the antenna array facets such that the direction of the normal of each facet of the array antenna forms an angle of 360 degrees /N with one another should be clarified so that it is more definite. It is not clear how the angle is created between the “normals” of the array facets, and it is not clear how the angle is distributed among “one another”.

Regarding claim 8, it is suggested by the Examiner that, in line 5, “receives a signal from” should be changed to –receives a signal as a reception signal from— to provide strong antecedent basis for the reception signal.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Indication of allowable subject matter is indicated with respect to claims 1-9.
7. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The claims are indicated to contain allowable subject matter over the prior art of record because the prior art of record does not disclose or motivate one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the claimed invention by a combination of teachings. Particularly, the calculation of a cyclic correlation matrix of a first signal and a second signal having a modulation system different from that of the first signal, and the estimation of the direction of arrival of both the first and the second signals using eigenvalues is not shown in the art.

Conclusion

8. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

The claims objections above.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. The following prior art of record is cited to further show the state of the art with respect to antenna arrays and interference reduction.

U.S. Pat. No. 4771289 to Masak.

U.S. Pat. No. 5761237 to Petersen et al.

U.S. Pat. No. 4734701 to Grobert.

U.S. Pat. No. 4920348 to Baghdady.

U.S. Pat. No. 5739788 to Dybdal et al.

U.S. Pat. No. 5524023 to Tsujimoto.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason M Perilla whose telephone number is (571) 272-3055. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8-5 EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steven Chin can be reached on (571) 272-3056. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).



Jason M. Perilla
September 21, 2004

jmp



CHIEH M. FAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER